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1. The committees of Murmansk city and the Party have set up new responsible officers to handle the provision and distribution of food and the provision and distribution of fuel. The heads of these offices are Party functionaries who handled the same matters during World War II.
2. Planning in these areas is in charge of a functionary named Versinin, who has been concerned with such matters since the siege of Leningrad.
3. Party and managerial functions in the Murmansk area are all in the hands of Great Russians. White Russians and Ukrainians have mostly been removed to other areas of the USSR.
4. In Nov 1952, eight thousand workmen arrived to work on the rapid alteration of buildings in the Murmansk harbor area. These buildings were immediately taken over by the military, civilians being removed to the southern part of the town.
5. Food depots with a floor area of about 300 hectares have been set up near the Tuloma River.

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